Model Railway stations

519. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of model stations on South Central Railways Divisions;

(b) whether there is any Railway Station on MG-line amongst these stations; and

(c) what is the total amount being spent on Model Stations on South Central Railway Divisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are five model stations in South Central Railway Divisions.

(b) Yes, Sir. Names of model stations on M. G. line are Nanded and Bellary. Another model station viz. Tirupati Junction is connected both by BG as well as MG.

(c) So far model station scheme for two stations have been finalised. The anticipated cost for these are as under:—

Tirupati	Rs. 118.19 lacs.
Bellary	Rs. 93.60 lacs.

Recession in shipping Industry

520. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Indian Shipping Industry continues to suffer from a prolonged recession and, if so, what are the broad details of the adverse effects in terms of financial losses, closure of companies, fall in national tonnage, slackness in production of different shipyards; and

(b) what are the various steps taken and envisaged by the Government to overcome the difficulties being encountered in each one of the above fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Indian Shipping Industry has also suffered from prolonged world wide recession resulting in financial losses to the companies. While some of the small companies not having strong enough equity base have gone into liquidation, some other better managed and stronger companies have survived and some have even made profits. While the national tonnage has declined from the level of 6 31 M.GRT as on 31.3.1985 to nearly 5.5 M.GRT at present, this has been mainly due to increased scrapping of old and obsolete tonnage with a view to modernise Indian fleet. The production in Indian Shipyards has not been unduly adversely affected by recession, though order book position has suffered to a certain extent.

(b) The Government through the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India is approving the rehabilitation of those shipping companies which are considered to be viable in the long run by providing moratorium on repayment of loans converting part of loans into zero based bonds etc. Government has also set up a new Committee, 'Ship Acquisition and Licensing Committee' to ensure speedy issue of licenses for acquisition of tonnage by shipping industry. Besides, through the pari-passu policy, Government is trying to ensure that the Indian Shipyards do not suffer for want of orders. By havings direct interaction with the shipping industry through the High Level Inter-Ministerial Committee, Government is trying to help the industry in different ways, as far as possible.

Trans World Airlines

521. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that T.W.A. has suspended its service to and from Bombay; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir. T.W.A. has suspended opeations to Bombay w.e.f. 25.10.87.